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E.O. 11652: GDS-1  
TAGS: UNICEF, AORG, APER  
SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF LABOUISSSE AS UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. RAFI AHMED, WALDHEIM'S CHEF DE CABINET, PHONED LEONARD MORING OF JULY 22 TO INFORM HIM THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE LATER THAT DAY THAT THE SYG WAS EXTENDING LABOUISSSE FOR TWO YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. LEONARD EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE SINCE WALDHEIM HAD MENTIONED IN PASSING ONLY TWO DAYS EARLIER THAT HE WAS STILL DISCUSSING WITH SWEDES WHETHER SOME OTHER POST THAN UNICEF DIRECTOR MIGHT BE SATISFACTORY TO THEM THUS CLEARING THE WAY FOR JAMES GRANT AS SUCCESSOR TO LABOUISSSE.

2. AHMED EXPLAINED THAT THAT HAD INDEED BEEN SITUATION AT THAT TIME BUT THAT IN FOLLOWING TWO DAYS HE HAD ON WALDHEIM'S INSTRUCTIONS PRODDED SWEDES FOR THEIR RESPONSE AND HAD ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BEEN INFORMED THAT ONLY POST IN HUMANITARIAN FIELD IN WHICH SWEDES WERE INTERESTED WAS UNICEF. WALDHEIM HAD IMMEDIATELY CONCLUDED THAT HIS ONLY POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING DEEP OFFENSE TO EITHER SWEDES OR AMERICANS WAS TO CONTINUE INCUMBENT AND AFTER  
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CHECKING WITH LABOUISSSE HAD DONE SO. HE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED IN THIS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MANY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS.  
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